

MR/RD Waiver Cost Reductions

DDSN has experienced over \$70 million in budget cuts this year. The MR/RD waiver is slated to take \$4.6 million of this reduction.

There are three options provided that we would like your feedback on. DDSN will accept comments until Friday July 10, 2009.

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MR/RD Waiver Service Package Changes

OPTION 1 (information in parentheses is the number and percent of people affected)

1. Maintain the core services – Adult Day Health with/without nursing and transportation, psychological, day activity, community, support center, behavior support, residential habilitation, private vehicle modifications, career preparation, employment, adult dental and prescribed drugs.
2. Eliminate PT (25), OT (5), Speech (39), Audiology (40), Vision (777, majority for eye exam only), PC I (37)
3. CAP:
 - a. Companion at 28 hours per week (13 or 9%)
 - b. Adult Attendant at 28 hours per week (3 or 100%)
 - c. Personal Care II at 28 hours per week (178 or 26%)
 - d. In-Home Hourly Respite at 48 hours per month or 12 hours per week (379 or 43%: note – avg. budgeted amount = 12 hours/week)
 - i. Exception – cap up to 224 units per month (8 hours/day) if either of the two following conditions is met (must be prior approved by DDSN):
 1. Caregiver has been hospitalized or is receiving medical treatment causing the caregiver to be away from home for lengthy periods during the day for which respite takes the place of the caregiver to protect the health, safety and welfare of the waiver participant.
 2. The waiver participant is medically complex or severely disabled to the extent that the caregiver must provide him/her constant hands on/direct care and supervision for which caregiver is not paid for 16 hours of a 24 hour day.
 - e. Environmental Modifications at \$5000 lifetime cap (31 or 36%)
 - f. Assistive Technology
 - i. Diapers, wipes and under pads from 3 to 2 cases per month (750 or 50%)
 - ii. Limit liquid nutrition to no more than 2 cases per month (22 or 5%)
 - iii. Limit wheelchair to \$8000 maximum and 1 chair per every 5 years (12 or 6%)
 - g. Nursing at 56 units per week LPN and 42 per week of RN (42 or 12%)
4. Remove Personal Emergency Response System from specialized medical equipment and create a separate service. (No impact)

Cost savings = \$4,442,300

OPTION 2 – (information in parentheses is the number and percent of people affected that is different from option #1)

1. Maintain the core services – Adult Day Health with/without nursing and transportation, psychological, day activity, community, support center, behavior support, residential habilitation, private vehicle modifications, career preparation, employment, adult dental and prescribed drugs.
2. Eliminate PT, OT, Speech, Audiology, Vision, PC I
3. CAP:
 - a. Companion at 15 hours per week (34 or 23%)
 - b. Adult Attendant at 28 hours per week
 - c. Personal Care II at 28 hours per week
 - d. In-Home Hourly Respite at 32 hours per month or 8 hours per week (495 or 56%)
 - i. Exception – cap up to 224 units per month (8 hours/day) if either of the two following conditions is met (must be prior approved by DDSN):
 1. Caregiver has been hospitalized or is receiving medical treatment causing the caregiver to be away from home for lengthy periods during the day for which respite takes the place of the caregiver to protect the health, safety and welfare of the waiver participant.
 2. The waiver participant is medically complex or severely disabled to the extent that the caregiver must provide him/her constant hands on/direct care and supervision for which caregiver is not paid for 16 hours of a 24 hour day.
 - e. Environmental Modifications at \$5000 lifetime cap
 - f. Assistive Technology
 - i. Diapers, wipes and under pads from 3 to 2 cases per month
 - ii. Limit liquid nutrition to no more than 2 cases per month
 - iii. Limit wheelchair to \$8000 maximum and 1 chair per every 5 years
 - g. Nursing at 56 units per week LPN and 42 per week of RN
4. Remove Personal Emergency Response System from specialized medical equipment and create a separate service.

Cost savings = \$5,017,037

OPTION 3 - (information in parentheses is the number and percent of people affected that is different from option #1 or #2)

1. Maintain the core services – Adult Day Health with/without nursing and transportation, psychological, day activity, community, support center, behavior support, residential habilitation, private vehicle modifications, career preparation, employment, adult dental, prescribed drugs. PT, OT, Speech, Audiology, Vision, and Environmental Modifications.
2. CAP:
 - a. Companion at 28 hours per week
 - b. Adult Attendant at 28 hours per week
 - i. Exception – cap up to 42 hours per week (6 hours per day) if the following condition is met (must be prior approved by DDSN):
 1. Main caregiver's health is impaired preventing the caregiver from being able to assist the waiver participant with activities of daily living AND the waiver participant is medically complex or severely disabled.
 - c. Personal Care II at 28 hours per week
 - d. In-Home Hourly Respite at 48 hours per month or 12 hours per week.
 - i. Exception – cap up to 224 units per month (8 hours/day) if either of the two following conditions is met (must be prior approved by DDSN):
 1. Caregiver has been hospitalized or is receiving medical treatment causing the caregiver to be away from home for lengthy periods during the day for which respite takes the place of the caregiver to protect the health, safety and welfare of the waiver participant.
 2. The waiver participant is medically complex or severely disabled to the extent that the caregiver must provide him/hers constant hands on/direct care and supervision for which the caregiver is not paid for 16 hours of a 24 hour day.
 - e. Personal Care I at 6 hours per week (21 or 55%)
 - f. Assistive Technology
 - i. Diapers, wipes and under pads at current cap
 - ii. Limit liquid nutrition to no more than 2 cases per month
 - iii. Limit wheelchair to \$8000 maximum and 1 chair per every 5 years.
 - g. Nursing at 56 units per week LPN and 42 per week of RN
3. Remove Personal Emergency Response System from specialized medical equipment and create a separate service

Cost savings = \$3,979,090